

down the road for our kids and grandkids, because this Obama administration is clearly spending too much, taxing too much and borrowing too much.

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Mr. KING of Iowa. I thank the gentlelady.

And I would just remind the gentlelady, the Speaker, that we have, by letter, called upon the President to withdraw the name of Don Johnson to head up his Office of Legal Council for these reasons that we have argued here tonight, for a multitude of reasons that we didn't get to in the time that we had, for moral reasons, constitutional reasons, statutory reasons, reasons of logic, common sense, and understanding the nature of humanity; for reasons that we want to see this Nation continue to ascend in all of the levels of morality, and economics, and national defense, and culture, and vision so that this country can be moved to the next level of its destiny that's positive, one that we can be proud of, one that will carry us forward and make our children proud, one day that our children can come to the floor of the House of Representatives, somebody's children, the next generation, and say, We stand on the shoulders of our forefathers, our predecessors, the people who stood up for life, the people who stood up for what is right, the people who stood up for the Constitution and the principles of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness that are embodied in the Declaration of Independence; and the argument that these rights come from God, and they are not to be torn asunder by someone who is a liberal activist who would lay out this list of offenses against life and family itself, the very core and foundation of American life.

That is what we have going on here. No good can come of it. This is the reminder that we have. This is the letter with 62 signatures that we sent to the President to withdraw the name of Don Johnson, appoint someone with a Constitutional understanding and a commitment to those principles and not an activist. We don't need an activist to head up this Office of Legal Council. We need someone who will understand the Constitution and the law and respect life.

And with that, Madam Speaker, I would thank the gentlelady from Minnesota.

I yield back the balance of my time.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. HILL (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on account of official business.

Mr. WESTMORELAND (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today on account of illness.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. SABLON) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WATERS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFazio, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SHERMAN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SABLON, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. LUETKEMEYER) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. POE of Texas, for 5 minutes, March 31.

Mr. JONES, for 5 minutes, March 31.

Mr. GOODLATTE, for 5 minutes, today and March 25.

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BROWN of Georgia, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. ROE of Tennessee, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Member (at his request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. KRATOVIL, for 5 minutes, today.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. KING of Iowa. Madam Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 18 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, March 25, 2009, at 10 a.m.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

1025. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's report entitled, "2008 Packers and Stockyards Program Annual Report," pursuant to the Packers and Stockyards Act of 1921, as amended; to the Committee on Agriculture.

1026. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — 2-Propenoic acid, monoester with 1,2-propanediol, polymer with a-[4-(ethenoxy) butyl]-w-hydroxypoly (oxy-1,2-ethanediy) and 2,5-furandione; Tolerance Exemption [EPA-HQ-OPP-2008-0620; FRL-8396-9] received March 10, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1027. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — 2-Propenoic acid, polymer with a-[4-(ethenoxy) butyl]-w-hydroxypoly (oxy-1,2-ethanediy) and 1,2-propanediol mono-2-propenoate, potassium sodium salt; Tolerance Exemption [EPA-HQ-OPP-2008-0617 FRL-8397-2] received March 10, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1028. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — 2-Propenoic acid, polymer with a-[4-(ethenoxy) butyl]-w-hydroxypoly (oxy-1,2-ethanediy), sodium salt; Tolerance Exemption [EPA-HQ-OPP-2008-0621; FRL-8397-1] received March 10, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1029. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — 2-Propenoic acid, 2-hydroxyethyl ester, polymer with a-[4-(ethenoxy)butyl]-w-hydroxypoly (oxy-1,2-ethanediy); Tolerance Exemption [EPA-HQ-OPP-2008-0618; FRL-8396-7] received March 10, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1030. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — 2-Propenoic acid, polymer with a-[4-(ethenoxy) butyl]-w-hydroxypoly (oxy-1,2-ethanediy) and 2,5-furandione, sodium salt; Tolerance Exemption [EPA-HQ-OPP-2008-0619; FRL-8396-8] received March 10, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1031. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — *Bacillus Mycoides* Isolate J; Temporary Exemption From the Requirement of a Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2005-0303; FRL-8400-2] received March 10, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1032. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Benfluralin, Carbaryl, Diazinon, Dicrotophos, Fluometuron, Formetanate Hydrochloride, Glyphosate, Metolachlor, Napropamide, Norflurazon, Pyrazon, and Tau-Fluvalinate; Technical Amendment [EPA-HQ-OPP-2007-1170; FRL-8402-1] received March 10, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1033. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Chlorimuron-ethyl; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2007-0301; FRL-8402-6] received March 10, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1034. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Protection of Stratospheric Ozone: Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements for the Import of Halon-1301 Aircraft Fire Extinguishing Vessels [EPA-HQ-OAR-2005-0131; FRL-8779-6] (RIN: 2060-AM46) received March 10, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1035. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's "Major" final rule — Implementation of a Dose Standard After 10,000 Years [NRC-2005-0011] (RIN: 3150-AH68) received March 19, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1036. A letter from the Director, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Direct Investment Surveys: BE-11, Annual Survey of U.S. Direct Investment Abroad [Docket No.: 080731960-81629-02] (RIN: 0691-AA66) received March 11, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1037. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary Legislative Affairs, Department of

State, transmitting the Department's report required by the Omnibus Appropriation, Public Law 105-277, Section 2215 on "Overseas Surplus Property"; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1038. A letter from the Senior Associate General Counsel, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

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1043. A letter from the Chief Operating Officer/Executive Secretary, U.S. Agency for International Development, Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

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1045. A letter from the Chief, Branch of Listing, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Revised Designation of Critical Habitat for the Contiguous United States Distinct Population Segment of the Canada Lynx [FWS-R6-ES-2008-0026] [92210-1117-0000-B4] (RIN: 1018-AV78) received March 11, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

1046. A letter from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting the fourth annual report on crime victims' rights, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 3771, section 104(a); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

1047. A letter from the Acting Trade Representative, United States Trade Representative, transmitting the 2009 Trade Policy Agenda and the 2008 Annual Report on the Trade Agreements Program as prepared by the Administration, pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 2213, as amended; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. WAXMAN: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 1259. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the distribution of the drug

dextromethorphan, and for other purposes (Rept. 111-49). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. CONYERS: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 1575. A bill to authorize the Attorney General to limit or recover excessive compensation paid or payable by entities that have received Federal financial assistance on or after September 1, 2008 (Rept. 111-50). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Ms. PINGREE of Maine: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 280. A resolution providing for consideration of the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 146) to establish a battlefield acquisition grant program for the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812, and for other purposes (Rept. 111-51). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. POLIS: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 281. A resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1404) to authorize a supplemental funding source for catastrophic emergency wildland fire suppression activities on Department of the Interior and National Forest System lands, to require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to develop a cohesive wildland fire management strategy, and for other purposes (Rept. 111-52). Referred to the House Calendar.

#### PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. DAVIS of Alabama (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. MAFFEI, Mr. HIGGINS, Mr. CAO, Ms. CLARKE, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. SNYDER, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Mr. CARNAHAN, and Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts):

H.R. 1677. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and expand the benefits for businesses operating in empowerment zones, enterprise communities, or renewal communities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. BONO MACK:

H.R. 1678. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a bad debt deduction to doctors to partially offset the cost of providing uncompensated care required to be provided under amendments made by the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania (for himself, Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mr. HARPER, and Mr. MCCARTHY of California):

H.R. 1679. A bill to provide for the replacement of lost income for employees of the House of Representatives who are members of a reserve component of the armed forces who are on active duty for a period of more than 30 days, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. ARCURI:

H.R. 1680. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to make grants to promote professional retrofit installation of fire alarm detection systems and other fire detection and prevention technologies in nursing homes, hospice facilities,

and other appropriate facilities; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. BOSWELL:

H.R. 1681. A bill to improve the coordination between the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs to better provide care to members and the Armed Forces and veterans; to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. CONAWAY (for himself and Ms. SUTTON):

H.R. 1682. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to require States to develop and implement highway bridge management systems; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. McDERMOTT (for himself, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, and Mr. STARK):

H.R. 1683. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by requiring a Federal emission permit for the sale or use of greenhouse gas emission substances, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. HASTINGS of Washington (for himself, Mr. BISHOP of Utah, Mr. CHAFFETZ, Mr. BROUN of Georgia, Mr. SHUSTER, Mr. McCLINTOCK, Mr. FLEMING, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. BROWN of South Carolina, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado, Mrs. LUMMIS, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. MANZULLO, and Mr. PUTNAM):

H.R. 1684. A bill to preserve the rights granted under second amendment to the Constitution in national parks and national wildlife refuge areas; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York:

H.R. 1685. A bill to provide for the acquisition, construction, and improvement of child care facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. LYNCH:

H.R. 1686. A bill to provide for the protection and integrity of the United States mail; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. BOCCIERI (for himself, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Ms. KAPTUR, Mrs. SCHMIDT, Mr. WILSON of Ohio, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. AUSTRIA, Mr. SPACE, Mr. LATTA, and Mr. JORDAN of Ohio):

H.R. 1687. A bill to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at McKinley Avenue and Third Street, SW., Canton, Ohio, as the "Ralph Regula Federal Building and United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Ms. BORDALLO (for herself and Mr. AUSTRIA):

H.R. 1688. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to ensure that commissioned officers who serve in a reserve component of the Armed Forces are able to retire in the highest grade in which they have successfully served; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BOUCHER (for himself, Mr. UPTON, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. WHITFIELD, Mr. MURTHA, Mr. COSTELLO, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. POMEROY, Mr. DAVIS of